



GOD'S PURPOSES IN MARRIAGE (Wife)

I. **God's Purposes for Marriage.**

A. **God designed marriage for companionship.** (Genesis 2:18)

1. The basic responsibility of marriage is to provide companionship.
2. The commitment of marriage is a covenant of companionship.

Question: How do your words and actions show your husband that you are committed to providing him companionship?

Do you seek to provide social, intellectual, spiritual and sexual companionship to your husband? In what areas do you need to improve in providing your husband companionship?

What can you do to greater honor your covenant to your husband to provide social, spiritual, intellectual and physical companionship? Be specific as to what you will do and say differently?

B. **God designed marriage for co-laboring.** (Genesis 2:15-18)

In what aspects of your marriage would you say you and your husband work well together as a team?

In what aspects of your marriage would you say you and your husband do not work well together as a team?

What can you do to help you and your husband work better as a team? Be specific as to what you will do and say differently?

C. God designed marriage for cleaving. (Genesis 2:24).

Cleaving means you and your husband should work toward unity and becoming “one”. What other relationships interfere with you and your husband becoming one flesh (socially, intellectually, spiritually and physically)? Think parents, siblings, children, co-workers, friends.

What can you do to foster unity and “oneness” in your marriage? Be specific as to what you can say or do differently.

D. God designed marriage to reflect the relationship between Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:31-32).

How does the truth of Ephesians 5 does:31-32 affect your thinking about your responsibilities as a wife?

What can you do or say differently to be more like the church to Christ in your relationship with your husband? Be specific.